

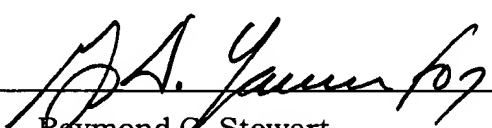
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Darin E. Bartholomew , Registration No. 36,444 at (703)205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2325 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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